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Connecticut's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 6.9 to 6.6 percent in August when vacation shutdowns and other seasonal factors lowered employment, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro in a monthly economic review. Elsewhere in the August economy, personal income of state residents set another record high, factory wages held steady and there was a slight increase in manufacturing output.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Summer factory closings, other seasonal factors and labor management disputes in the machinery and construction industries combined to bring nonfarm employment down by 10,600 to 1,395,800 (page 2). Hotel, apparel manufacturing and food store employment were among categories recording small seasonal increases from July. Compared with August 1981, statewide employment was off by 2.1 percent.

Average weekly wages and hourly earnings of factory production workers were unchanged at $331.60 and $8.29, respectively for the same 40-hour workweek (page 3). The hourly wage increased by 62-cents or $14.83 weekly during the year and the workweek was shorter, 40 compared with 41.3 hours last year. Adjusted for a straight-time, 40-hour week, average hourly earnings remained at $8.07 or $322.80 a week, up 9.3 percent from $7.38 and $295.14 a year ago. Once again, factory workers in Ansonia and Bristol were paid the highest weekly wage, $374.69 and $358.36, respectively, followed by Hartford $355.29; New London-Norwich, $351.28, and Bridgeport, $350.92 (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment in the state dropped to a seasonally adjusted rate of 6.6 percent (page 4) in August and continued substantially under the nation's 9.8 percent figure. It was 6.9 percent in July in Connecticut and 6.1 percent in August 1981. Total unemployment last month was 105,200, down from 114,900 in July and 6,600 higher than a year earlier. Each of the 16 labor market areas had lower unemployment rates.

Other Indicators: Other monitored indicators of the Connecticut economy (page 7) showed an increase in new automobile registrations, seasonally adjusted gain in manufacturing output, decline in new weekly filings for unemployment benefits in addition to lower unemployment and another high for personal income.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

August 1982

	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981(R)	% Change Aug. '82 over July '82	% Change Aug. '82 over Aug. '81
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,395,800*	1,406,400*	1,426,400*	- 0.8	- 2.1
Manufacturing.....	392,200*	400,100*	430,000	- 2.0	- 8.8
Metallic Manufacturing...	281,300*	289,100*	312,400	- 2.7	- 10.0
Primary Metals.....	17,000	17,300	19,400	- 1.7	- 12.4
Fabricated Metals.....	57,800	57,900	64,600	- 0.2	- 10.5
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	48,100*	50,100	57,800	- 4.0	- 16.8
Electrical Equipment....	48,300	48,300	51,200	0.0	- 5.7
Transportation Equip....	78,700	82,700	83,100	- 4.8	- 5.3
Instruments & Clocks....	24,600	25,600*	29,100	- 3.9	- 15.5
Other Metallic Mfg.....	6,800	7,200	7,200	- 5.6	- 5.6
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	110,900	111,000	117,600	- 0.1	- 5.7
Food.....	12,200	12,200	12,400	0.0	- 1.6
Textiles.....	7,000	6,900	8,100	+ 1.4	- 13.6
Apparel.....	9,400	9,000	10,600	+ 4.4	- 11.3
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,100	6,200	6,200	- 1.6	- 1.6
Paper.....	9,700	9,600	10,100	+ 1.0	- 4.0
Printing & Publishing...	25,200	25,400	25,100	- 0.8	+ 0.4
Chemicals.....	18,500	18,800	19,800	- 1.6	- 6.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,200	11,100	12,400	+ 0.9	- 9.7
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	11,600	11,800	12,900	- 1.7	- 10.1
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,003,600*	1,006,300*	996,400*	- 0.3	+ 0.7
Construction.....	53,900*	54,600	54,900*	- 1.3	- 1.8
Transportation.....	29,500	29,400	29,800	+ 0.3	- 1.0
Motor Freight & Warehsg	12,600	12,600	12,500	0.0	+ 0.8
Other Transportation...	16,900	16,800	17,300	+ 0.6	- 2.3
Communications.....	18,300	18,400	18,300	- 0.5	0.0
Utilities.....	11,700	11,600	11,500	+ 0.9	+ 1.7
Trade.....	306,000	306,100	302,900	0.0	+ 1.0
Wholesale.....	81,100	81,100	77,700	0.0	+ 4.4
Retail.....	224,900	225,000	225,200	0.0	- 0.1
General Merchandise...	29,800	29,800	29,900	0.0	- 0.3
Food Stores.....	41,400	41,200	39,900	+ 0.5	+ 3.8
Auto Dealers & Gas Sta	24,200	24,200	24,700	0.0	- 2.0
Restaurants.....	66,400	66,600	67,400	- 0.3	- 1.5
Other Retail Trade....	63,100	63,200	63,300	- 0.2	- 0.3
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	117,100	117,200	111,900	- 0.1	+ 4.6
Banking.....	28,800	28,900	27,000	- 0.3	+ 6.7
Insurance.....	65,800	65,900	62,600	- 0.2	+ 5.1
Real Estate.....	10,400	10,400	10,300	0.0	+ 1.0
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E.	12,100	12,000	12,000	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Services.....	301,600	302,200*	293,400	- 0.2	+ 2.8
Hotels.....	8,500	8,000	7,800	+ 6.2	+ 9.0
Personal Services.....	14,300	14,200	13,800	+ 0.7	+ 3.6
Business Services.....	61,400	61,400	59,100	0.0	+ 3.9
Health Services.....	100,500	100,800*	99,000	- 0.3	+ 1.5
Law & Professional.....	21,100	21,200	20,300	- 0.5	+ 3.9
Educational Services...	25,200	25,500	24,300	- 1.2	+ 3.7
Other Services.....	70,600	71,100	69,100	- 0.7	+ 2.2
Government.....	165,500	166,800	173,700*	- 0.8	- 4.7
Federal.....	21,700	21,800	21,600*	- 0.5	+ 0.5
State & Local.....	143,800	145,000	152,100	- 0.8	- 5.5

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes

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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$331.60	$331.60	$316.77	40.0	40.0	41.3	$8.29	$8.29	$7.67
Metallic Manufacturing.....	343.76	343.36	327.76	40.3	40.3	41.7	8.53	8.52	7.86
Primary Metals.....	365.65	363.94	360.80	40.9	40.8	42.8	8.94	8.92	8.43
Fabricated Metals.....	312.40	310.80	305.41	40.0	40.0	42.3	7.81	7.77	7.22
Machinery.....	362.44	359.56	357.38	41.0	40.4	42.8	8.84	8.90	8.35
Electrical Equipment.....	265.39	268.42	262.75	38.8	39.3	40.8	6.84	6.83	6.44
Transportation Equipment...	425.14	420.02	373.28	40.8	40.7	39.5	10.42	10.32	9.45
Instruments & Clocks.....	312.75	316.50	311.18	41.7	42.2	43.4	7.50	7.50	7.17
Other Metallic Mfg.....	276.05	276.31	275.41	39.1	39.7	43.1	7.06	6.96	6.39
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	302.99	301.06	287.43	39.4	39.2	40.2	7.69	7.68	7.15
Food.....	324.28	305.73	311.08	41.1	39.5	41.7	7.89	7.74	7.46
Textiles.....	236.06	235.99	233.44	37.0	37.4	39.7	6.38	6.31	5.88
Apparel.....	192.03	189.16	186.38	36.3	34.9	35.5	5.29	5.42	5.25
Lumber & Furniture.....	253.60	236.46	233.60	40.0	38.7	40.0	6.34	6.11	5.84
Paper.....	364.59	383.80	367.49	43.3	45.1	46.4	8.42	8.51	7.92
Printing & Publishing.....	312.31	311.95	288.00	36.4	36.7	36.0	8.58	8.50	8.00
Chemicals.....	373.01	372.28	351.46	40.9	41.0	41.3	9.12	9.08	8.51
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	276.75	275.89	270.27	39.2	39.3	41.2	7.06	7.02	6.56
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	331.28	327.64	318.85	41.0	40.4	42.4	8.08	8.11	7.52
Construction.....	500.19	501.58	459.80	37.3	37.6	38.0	13.41	13.34	12.10

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Aug. 1982 Number	Aug. 1982 Ratio to Labor Force	July 1982 Number	July 1982 Ratio to Labor Force	Aug. 1981(R) Number	Aug. 1981(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	105,200	6.6	114,900	7.1	98,600	6.2
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.6)		(6.9)		(6.1)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,700	10.5	2,000	12.0	1,500	9.3
Bridgeport.....	14,500	7.4	15,300	7.8	11,600	6.1
Bristol.....	3,400	10.0	3,700	10.6	2,900	8.1
Danbury.....	5,800	6.0	6,300	6.3	5,000	5.3
Danielson.....	2,500	9.1	3,100	10.8	2,600	9.1
Hartford.....	24,500	6.3	26,500	6.7	22,900	6.0
Meriden.....	2,800	10.5	3,100	11.2	2,600	10.0
Middletown.....	3,200	5.6	3,600	6.2	3,500	6.0
New Britain.....	6,700	9.3	7,100	9.7	5,900	8.0
New Haven.....	12,800	6.4	13,800	6.9	13,100	6.7
New London-Norwich.....	5,600	5.2	6,500	5.8	6,500	6.0
Norwalk.....	3,000	3.8	3,500	4.4	3,300	4.2
Stamford.....	4,400	3.5	4,800	3.8	4,700	3.8
Torrington.....	4,000	9.8	4,200	9.9	3,400	8.2
Waterbury.....	8,900	8.1	10,000	9.0	7,700	7.2
Willimantic.....	1,400	5.7	1,400	5.9	1,400	5.7
U.S. Total-Actual.....	10,710,000	9.6	11,036,000	9.8	7,947,000	7.2
Seasonally adjusted		(9.8)		(9.8)		(7.3)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Aug. '82	July '82	Aug. '81
All Items.....	292.8	292.2	276.5
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.2	+ 5.9

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	August'82	July'82	August'81(R)	Percent Change to August'82 from: July'82	August'81
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,770	7,900	8,230	- 1.6	- 5.6
Manufacturing	2,590	2,690	3,040	- 3.7	-14.8
Nonmanufacturing	5,180	5,210	5,190	- 0.6	- 0.2
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	167,020	166,760	169,440*	+ 0.2	- 1.4
Manufacturing	62,450	62,550	65,180	- 0.2	- 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	104,570	104,210	104,260*	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,540*	21,950*	23,250	- 1.9	- 7.4
Manufacturing	8,170	8,530	10,020	- 4.2	-18.5
Nonmanufacturing	13,370*	13,420*	13,230	- 0.4	+ 1.1
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	68,320	(R)68,160*	68,490*	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Manufacturing	24,620	24,530*	25,950	+ 0.4	- 5.1
Nonmanufacturing	43,700	(R)43,630	42,540*	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	18,830	18,400	19,420	+ 2.3	- 3.0
Manufacturing	8,550	8,240	9,240	+ 3.8	- 7.5
Nonmanufacturing	10,280	10,160	10,180	+ 1.2	+ 1.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	388,170*	393,010	391,170*	- 1.2	- 0.8
Manufacturing	85,840	89,160	92,600	- 3.7	- 7.3
Nonmanufacturing	302,330*	303,850	298,570*	- 0.5	+ 1.3
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,180	21,290	20,850	- 0.5	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	5,400	5,360	5,330	+ 0.7	+ 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	15,780	15,930	15,520	- 0.9	+ 1.7
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	44,240	44,640	45,420	- 0.9	- 2.6
Manufacturing	13,670	14,040	15,210	- 2.6	-10.1
Nonmanufacturing	30,570	30,600	30,210	- 0.1	+ 1.2
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	57,890*	58,610*	61,170	- 1.2	- 5.4
Manufacturing	24,130*	25,010*	28,370	- 3.5	-14.9
Nonmanufacturing	33,760	33,600*	32,800	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	186,330*	186,910*	185,630*	- 0.3	+ 0.4
Manufacturing	38,870*	38,980*	40,980*	- 0.3	- 5.1
Nonmanufacturing	147,460*	147,930*	144,650*	- 0.3	+ 1.9
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	95,180*	96,010*	95,570*	- 0.9	- 0.4
Manufacturing	33,850	34,700	34,960	- 2.4	- 3.2
Nonmanufacturing	61,330*	61,310*	60,610*	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,940	64,980*	64,470	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	20,300	20,390*	21,110	- 0.4	- 3.8
Nonmanufacturing	44,640	44,590	43,360	+ 0.1	+ 3.0

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	August'82	July'82	August'81(R)	Percent Change to August'82 from: July'82	August'81
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	111,620	113,150	112,770	- 1.4	- 1.0
Manufacturing	29,580	30,950	31,910	- 4.4	- 7.3
Nonmanufacturing	82,040	82,200	80,860	- 0.2	+ 1.5
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,070	28,180	29,400	- 0.4	- 4.5
Manufacturing	9,590	9,810	10,490	- 2.2	- 8.6
Nonmanufacturing	18,480	18,370	18,910	+ 0.6	- 2.3
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	87,300	87,520	87,950	- 0.3	- 0.7
Manufacturing	29,770	29,660	31,830	+ 0.4	- 6.5
Nonmanufacturing	57,530	57,860	56,120	- 0.6	+ 2.5
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	17,810	17,920	18,240	- 0.6	- 2.4
Manufacturing	2,800	2,780	2,780	+ 0.7	+ 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	15,010	15,140	15,460	- 0.9	- 2.9

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981
Ansonia	$374.69	$374.82	$381.94	42.1	42.4	45.2	$8.90	$8.84	$8.45
Bridgeport	350.92	352.77	334.65	40.9	41.6	42.2	8.58	8.48	7.93
Bristol	358.36	364.02	362.07	38.7	39.1	40.5	9.26	9.31	8.94
Danbury	322.48	320.45	310.59	42.6	42.5	43.5	7.57	7.54	7.14
Danielson	276.14	277.81	254.51	38.3	38.8	38.1	7.21	7.16	6.68
Hartford	355.29	351.43	334.14	40.1	39.8	41.1	8.86	8.83	8.13
Meriden	296.21	317.24	285.65	39.6	41.2	41.1	7.48	7.70	6.95
Middletown	350.67	343.94	326.00	40.4	39.9	40.0	8.68	8.62	8.15
New Britain	340.98	339.73	323.18	40.4	40.3	41.7	8.44	8.43	7.75
New Haven	319.48	320.30	302.76	39.2	39.3	40.1	8.15	8.15	7.55
New London-Norwich	351.28	344.99	318.00	40.1	39.7	39.9	8.76	8.69	7.97
Norwalk	317.46	324.99	328.70	40.7	41.4	44.6	7.80	7.85	7.37
Stamford	303.34	306.06	296.84	39.6	39.8	41.0	7.66	7.69	7.24
Torrington	227.76	233.36	242.90	36.5	37.7	41.1	6.24	6.19	5.91
Waterbury	284.78	271.47	272.90	40.8	39.4	41.6	6.98	6.89	6.56
Willimantic	242.54	249.38	257.98	36.2	37.5	42.5	6.70	6.65	6.07

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981						
Jan....	1418.4	1433.2	7433	5402	6.7	6.1
Feb....	1414.7	1435.5	4533	5168	6.7	6.1
Mar....	1422.9	1436.0	4055	5344	6.3	6.0
Apr....	1435.5	1434.5	4644	5210	6.1	6.1
May....	1448.7	1437.7	3941	5355	5.7	6.0
Jun....	1457.8	1437.9	5786	6065	6.1	6.0
Jul....	1432.7	1443.7	8374	5379	6.4	6.0
Aug....	1426.4	1441.8	5877	5830	6.2	6.1
Sep....	1441.3	1438.0	3896	6174	5.6	6.2
Oct....	1441.9	1435.3	4729	6564	5.8	6.4
Nov....	1446.0	1433.8	5751	7042	6.0	6.5
Dec....	1447.1	1428.8	10279	6196	6.4	6.6
1982						
Jan....	1417.7	1432.0	8581	6236	7.7	6.5
Feb....	1409.6	1429.6	5890	6716	7.6	6.8
Mar....	1413.9	1426.7	5394	7107	7.1	7.0
Apr....	1417.7	1416.3	6211	6971	6.9	7.3
May....	1425.2	1413.9	6148	8353	6.5	7.3
Jun....	1429.4	1409.7	7493	7855	6.9	6.9
Jul....	1406.4	1417.7	10612	6816	7.1	6.9
Aug....	1395.8	1411.3	6742	6688	6.6	6.6
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions (R)	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981							
Jan....	3277.0	9052	10565	42.1	41.8	119.7	115.1
Feb....	3298.0	7491	9347	41.8	41.9	119.4	115.4
Mar....	3319.7	11387	9435	41.8	41.8	120.3	115.2
Apr....	3325.2	12979	12049	41.5	41.7	119.3	115.7
May....	3340.8	9161	8845	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....	3367.2	9387	8104	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.4
Jul....	3422.4	9219	9015	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.4
Aug....	3447.9	9888	9130	41.3	41.7	104.7	118.7
Sep....	3460.6	8120	9430	41.0	41.2	119.3	117.6
Oct....	3473.4	8742	8419	41.3	41.3	119.0	116.6
Nov....	3488.1	8694	10297	41.4	41.0	118.8	114.5
Dec....	3502.8	8501	8415	41.7	41.0	107.0	112.9
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7359	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6080	40.8	40.9	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7698	40.9	40.9	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5068	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	7847	40.5	40.7	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	8728	40.2	40.2	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8076	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10485	40.0	40.4	93.0	105.4
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

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